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In re Application of :  
Howard et al. :  
Application No. 09/456,647 :  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed April 10, 2006.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely submit the issue fee, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee (s) Due, and submit corrected drawings, as required by the Notice of Allowability both of which were mailed January 10, 2005. The Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and the Notice of Allowability set a three (3) month period for reply. The Notice was returned on January 26, 2005. A second Notice of Allowance and Fee (s) Due, and submit corrected drawings, as required by the Notice of Allowability both of which were mailed on August 17, 2005. Extensions of time were not available under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). The second Notice of Allowance was returned on August 29, 2005. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on November 18, 2005. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment. A petition filed under 37 CFR 1.181 was dismissed on March 13, 2006.

Petitioner has provided sufficient information to establish that the correspondence address of record was correct at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and Allowability. Petitioner has further established that mail was received containing both the 6<sup>th</sup> floor address and Suite 600 address.

This application is being forwarded to Art Unit 3623 for re-mailing of the Notice of Allowance and Fee (s) Due and the Notice of Allowability.

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